

# **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

## **Pursuant to FAR 10.002(b)(2)(i)**

### **EPA/OEI Environmental Digital Services**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) for the purposes of market research to gather industry input about the digital services capabilities (e.g., user-centered design, agile architecture, agile software development, modular development, test-driven development, API-first design, DevOps) of Vendors. Information gathered from this RFI and in addition to other market research, will assist EPA with the development of an acquisition strategy for a potential Multiple Award ID/IQ. Also, consistent with the goals of Executive Order 13636, EPA seeks to potentially include sustainability as an evaluation criteria for this procurement (e.g., GHG reduction reporting and goal-setting, green product purchasing behaviors, etc.).

### **NAICS Code**

EPA is considering NAICS code(s) 511210 (Software Publishers) and 541512 (Computer Systems Design Services) for this requirement. However, EPA will consider other NAICS codes suggested by the contractor community.

### **Requested Respondents**

1. Vendors who have digital service capabilities.
2. Vendors who are interested in sharing information about their digital service capabilities with the Government.
3. Companies who only specialize in one particular digital services area (e.g., user-centered design, DevOps) should also respond to this RFI.

### **Requested Information**

To ascertain your digital service capabilities, the Government is requesting that Vendors submit a working prototype based on a public environmental dataset and show their work in a publicly available git repository. The expectation is that Vendors will write more code than narrative, as we are interested in reviewing how a Vendor works.

*NOTE: The scenario above represents an exercise in a hypothetical project that will enable EPA to better understand your company's digital service capabilities.*

### **How to Respond**

Please submit your response to this RFI via e-mail to [hicks.joseph@epa.gov](mailto:hicks.joseph@epa.gov) with the words "EDS - RFI Response" in the e-mail subject line. Telephonic and mail/courier responses will not be accepted. The closing time for responses is **1600 EST, on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. Please limit responses to 500 words or less. As part of your written response, include the following information about your company.

1. Company Name
2. GSA Schedule Contract Number (if applicable)
3. Socioeconomic status
4. Name of the submitter
5. Email address of the submitter
6. Please provide a listing of the labor categories your company would use in the scenario above.

### **Disclaimer**

This RFI is issued solely for information and planning purposes and does not constitute a Request for Proposal (RFP), Invitation for Bid (IFB), or an obligation on the part of the Government to acquire any services. Responses

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to this RFI are not offers and will not be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract of any nature. The Government will not award a contract based on this RFI. The Government reserves the right to determine how it should proceed as a result of this notice. Responding parties should not anticipate Government feedback on their respective submissions. The Government will not pay any cost incurred in response to this RFI. All costs associated with responding to this RFI will be solely at the responding party's expense. If a solicitation is released, it will most likely be via FedConnect (<https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/Default.htm>) and will be available on FedBizOpps (<http://www.fedbizopps.gov>). The Government also reserves the right to release the potential solicitation exclusively on GSA's eBUY system or any other Government approved site. It is the responsibility of the potential contractor(s) to monitor the websites for any information that may pertain to this RFI or a future solicitation. All information requested and received in response to this RFI will be treated as information only. The information provided in this RFI is subject to change and is not binding on the Government. EPA plans to review and meaningfully consider all responses to this RFI. Responses to this RFI may be reviewed by Government technical experts drawn from staff within EPA and/or by selected support contractor personnel. Support contractors will be bound by appropriate non-disclosure agreements to protect proprietary and source selection information. Proprietary information, if any, should be minimized and must be clearly marked.

**What Should Be Included in Your Response**

1. Do submit succinct responses to this RFI as it pertains to the "How to Respond" section.
2. Do submit comments that address the Government's potential requirement(s).
3. Do submit information and suggestions that may encourage new, different, or innovative approaches that would result in direct cost savings to the Government and improve the quality of the service or product.

**What Should Not Be Included in Your Response**

1. Do not submit proposals or offers.
2. Do not submit marketing brochure or other unnecessary sales literature.
3. Do not submit past performance information or general descriptions of corporate experience with the exception of past performance with other Agencies of the United States Federal Government. If you have experience with other Agencies of the United States Federal Government please submit a brief description and contact information (if available).
4. Do not submit questions or comments not related to the RFI.
5. Do not respond via telephone.